



## **SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Double Tree by Hilton  
Berkeley Marina  
200 Marina Blvd.  
Berkeley, CA 94710

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| 8.  | <b>PRESENTATION: WORK AND<br/>PUBLIC BENEFITS</b>   | <b>Bryon MacDonald</b>      |          |
| 9.  | <b>REVIEW COUNCIL PACKET</b>                        | <b>R. Newton</b>            |          |
| 10. | <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>                                  | <b>J. Allen</b>             |          |



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**Self-Advocates Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2013**

**Members Present**

Jennifer Allen  
Brian Gutierrez  
Molly Kennedy  
Kerstin Williams

**Members Absent**

Thomas Forderer  
Kecia Weller

**Others Attending**

Thomas Johnson  
Angela Lewis  
Roberta Newton  
Mary Agnes Nolan  
Mark Polit

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Jennifer Allen, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

**2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established

**3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Council members and others attending introduced themselves.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**5. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2012, JANUARY 2013, AND MARCH 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Kennedy/Williams) and carried to approve the December 3, 2012, meeting minutes as presented

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Kennedy/Gutierrez) and carried to approve the January 13, 2013, meeting minutes as presented.

## **APPROVAL OF MARCH 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Gutierrez/Kennedy) and carried to approve the March 19, 2013, meeting minutes as presented.

### **6. SSAN REPORT**

Jennifer Allen reported that SSAN has not met since the last Council meeting and the next SSAN meeting will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in San Diego, CA. The theme of the meeting will be Mission Possible and will focus on finalizing a mission statement. Members have also been provided a template to help with their member reports.

### **7. RFP UPDATE**

Roberta Newton provided a brief update on the Request for Proposal(s). Specifically, she discussed a few possible reasons for why the RFP for facilitation did not receive any bids (i.e. funding, scope, unclear language, etc.).

Roberta informed the committee that she and Mark Polit made several inquiries with various agencies and received diverse opinions regarding this issue. Roberta told the committee that there would be a request made to Council that the funding for the facilitation RFP be increased, as well as a focused outreach and a "bidder's conference" in order to gain feedback on exactly what the contractors are looking for in the RFP.

### **8. DISCUSSION OF OREGON LAWSUIT TO CLOSE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS**

Molly Kennedy presented the committee with a detailed discussion pertaining to the recent developments in Oregon, surrounding the current lawsuit made by Disability Rights Oregon to dismantle "sheltered workshops". Essentially, 'sheltered workshops' are factories that hire individuals with developmental/intellectual disabilities to work on assembly lines for low wages, no benefits, minimal opportunities for more gainful employment, and provide no incentive for these individuals to engage their communities. More importantly, these workshops are

exploiting these individuals because they make extreme profits by not paying their employees minimum wages.

Molly Kennedy stressed that this issue is vitally important for SAAC and the full Council to not only support, but also address in the state of California.

Roberta Newton suggested that SAAC members engage the Employment First Committee and implore them to adopt this issue into their future efforts.

It was moved/seconded (Kennedy/Williams) that SAAC present the concept of beginning to reduce segregated employment to people with developmental disabilities in California"

It was decided that Molly and Jennifer will visit the next EFC meeting. Molly offered to research what is happening in other states. A decision was made to invite Byron MacDonald of World Institute on Disability (WID), to the next meeting which will take place in Berkeley, CA.

## **9. REVIEW COUNCIL PACKET**

Roberta Newton reviewed the March 20, 2013, Council Packet.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Jennifer Allen adjourned the meeting at 3:36pm.

